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## USDA SURVEYING CATTLE OPERATIONS

**LAKEWOOD, CO – December 4, 2018** - In January, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey more than 40,000 cattle operations nationwide to provide an up-to-date measure of U.S. cattle inventories.

"This information helps producers make timely, informed business decisions such as planning for herd expansion or reduction. It also helps packers and government leaders evaluate expected slaughter volume for future months and determine potential supplies for export," said Bill Meyer, Director, Mountain Regional Field Office. "Obtaining the current count of cattle will serve as an important decision-making tool for the entire agricultural industry."

During the first two weeks of January, producers will have the opportunity to report their beef and dairy cattle inventories, calf crop, death loss and cattle on feed operations. To make it as easy as possible for producers to participate in the survey, NASS offers the options of responding via the internet, telephone, mail or a personal interview with a local NASS representative.

As is the case with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential as required by law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state and national level data, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified.

The January *Cattle* report will be released on January 31, 2019. This and all NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov/publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/publications). For more information, call the NASS Regional Office at (800) 392-3202.

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